## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Latonya A. Thompson,	)
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Plaintiff,	)
	)
VS.	) Civil Action No.: 0:09-cv-1913-TLW-PJG
	)
Michael J. Astrue,	)
Commissioner of Social Security,	)
	)
Defendant.	)
	)

## **ORDER**

The plaintiff, Latonya A. Thompson ("plaintiff"), brought this action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §§ 405(g) and 1383(c)(3) to obtain judicial review of a final decision of the defendant, Commissioner of Social Security ("Commissioner" or "defendant"), denying her claims for Supplemental Security Income and Disability Insurance Benefits. This matter is before the Court for review of the Report and Recommendation ("the Report") filed by United States Magistrate Judge Paige J. Gossett, to whom this case had previously been assigned pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and Local Civil Rule 73.02(B)(2), DSC. In the Report, the Magistrate Judge recommends that the decision of the Commissioner be reversed under sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) and that the case be remanded to the Commissioner for further proceedings as discussed in the Report. (Doc. # 16). The defendant filed objections to the Report. (Doc. # 17). In conducting this review, the Court applies the following standard:

The magistrate judge makes only a recommendation to the Court, to which any party may file written objections . . . . The Court is not bound by the recommendation of the magistrate judge but, instead, retains responsibility for the final determination. The Court is required to make a de novo determination of those portions of the report

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or specified findings or recommendation as to which an objection is made. However,

the Court is not required to review, under a <u>de novo</u> or any other standard, the factual or legal conclusions of the magistrate judge as to those portions of the Report and

Recommendation to which no objections are addressed. While the level of scrutiny

entailed by the Court's review of the Report thus depends on whether or not objections have been filed, in either case, the Court is free, after review, to accept,

reject, or modify any of the magistrate judge's findings or recommendations.

Wallace v. Housing Auth. of the City of Columbia, 791 F. Supp. 137, 138 (D.S.C. 1992) (citations

omitted).

In light of the standard set forth in Wallace, the Court has reviewed, de novo, the Report and

the objections. After careful review of the Report and objections thereto, the Court ACCEPTS the

Report. (Doc. # 16). Therefore, for the reasons articulated by the Magistrate Judge, the

Commissioner's decision is **REVERSED** pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g), and this

case is remanded to the Commissioner for further administrative action consistent with the

discussion in the Report.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Terry L. Wooten

United States District Judge

March 15, 2011

Florence, South Carolina

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